GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:518
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IRREGULARITIES IN PURCHASE OF GROUNDNUT SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vigilance Commission enquiring into the alleged irregularities in the quality of groundnut seeds purchased by Andhra Pradesh State Seed Development Corporation before the Kharif season of this year has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the officials of the Corporation have been held responsible by the Commission for the irregularities; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Vigilance & Enforcement Department of Government of Andhra Pradesh at theinstance of State Government enquired into the irregularities and submitted its report. It is observed that a part of the Groundnut seed procured by Andhra Pradesh State Seeds Development Corporation Limited to Anantapur District was of inferior quality.The Department has requested for initiating necessary disciplinary action against the officials responsible for the irregularities.

(c): Yes, Sir. 10 officials of the Corporation have been held responsible for the irregularities in the procurement and supply of Groundnut seed.

(d): The Corporation has taken action by suspending the 10 officials named in the said report.